



**WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2009**

PRESENT: Thomas Clow, Chairman; Richard Butt, Vice Chairman; Keith Lacasse, Selectman, Donna Osborne; Selectman; James Donison, Selectman.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Thomas Clow

GUESTS: Carl Knapp, Jill Tacy, Paul Marsh, Jon Osborne

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Clow opened a public hearing on the acceptance of \$38,653.85 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for expenses related to the December, 2008 ice storm. Carl Knapp commented that this amount represents 75 percent of the costs related to the storm. The town is expected to pay 12.5 percent and the state 12.5 percent. However, he said that the state often doesn't fund its portion. Selectman Donison asked what the expenses were. Mr. Knapp said it was for overtime labor, road salt related to the storm, chainsaws, fuel, and equipment usage. He said the town must show all of the time worked and the equipment that was used.

Selectman Lacasse spoke in opposition to accepting the FEMA money. He said that Washington is broke and that FEMA money or Stimulus money is all the same as long as Washington continues to spend money they do not have. He said it would at least be honest to raise the taxes of current taxpayers, but it is immoral to spend tax money of those too young to work or vote. He used quotes from Alexis Tocqueville and Horace Greeley to support his position. He compared the "addiction" to Washington money to the War on Drugs, saying we must "Just say no." After speaking further on his doubts about the effectiveness of Stimulus Funds, Selectman Lacasse showed a chart indicating the impact that accepting the FEMA money would have on taxes. He referred to it as "small money to sell out our children's future."

Selectman Donison said that in the case of emergency funds it was acceptable to him to accept the money. He also made several comments regarding the Stimulus funds.

Selectman Butt moved to accept the \$38,653.85 from FEMA for expenses related to the December, 2008 ice storm. Motion was seconded by Selectman Donison.

In further discussion Selectman Lacasse responded to Selectman Donison's comments by saying that stimulus spending has never worked and politicians won't pay it back. Selectman Butt asked about expenses related to a chipper. Carl Knapp explained the need for a chipper and also said that there would be additional FEMA money coming related to the brush cleanup. He

estimated \$22,000.00. Selectman Butt supported the motion saying there is not enough money to go around with all of the default budgets. Selectman Osborne asked when we could expect to receive the additional \$22,000.00, and could that be used toward a chipper. Carl Knapp replied that it wouldn't be long since FEMA officials had already been here.

Chairman Clow called for a vote on accepting the FEMA funds. Passed 4-1.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS: Jill Tacy and Paul Marsh were interviewed by the Board of Selectmen as candidates for reappointment as alternates to the Library Board of Trustees. Jill Tacy spoke first explaining her interest in the library and its importance to the community. Selectman Donison moved to reappoint Jill Tacy to a three year term as Alternate to the Library Board of Trustees. Selectman Lacasse seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

Paul Marsh then explained his interest, saying that he had been a full trustee, but stepped aside to allow others to serve; however, remained as an alternate. Selectman Butt asked about library materials and the plans for improving or replacing the present facility. Mr. Marsh described the shortcomings of the present building and commented on future needs. He talked about alternative possibilities for funding a new facility. Selectman Butt moved to reappoint Paul Marsh to a three year term as an Alternate to the Library Board of Trustees. Selectman Lacasse seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

MANIFEST: Chairman Clow moved to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to sign checks dated April 30, 2009 in the following amounts:

Accounts Payable	\$	157,678.67 (Includes John Stark \$102,669.00)
Gross Payroll	\$	38,262.70 (Includes Spec. Details, Taxes, Credit Union)
Total	\$	195,941.37

Motion was seconded by Selectman Osborne. Selectman Donison commented on total hours for individual officers in the Police Department. He said that the maximum this week was 65 hours compared to last week when one officer put in over 100 hours. A vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0-1 with Selectman Lacasse abstaining.

NONPUBLIC: Chairman Clow moved to go into nonpublic session at 7: 45 p.m. under RSA 91 II:3 (a). The motion was seconded by Selectman Donison. Selectman Butt – yes, Selectman Osborne – yes, Selectman Clow – yes, Selectman Donison – yes, Selectman Lacasse – yes.

Selectman Lacasse moved to come out of nonpublic session at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Donison. Selectman Butt – yes, Selectman Osborne – yes, Selectman Clow – yes, Selectman Donison – yes, Selectman Lacasse – yes.

Selectman Donison moved to seal and restrict. Selectman Butt seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

Adjournment at 8:10 p.m.

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Thomas S. Clow, Recording Secretary